

*Congregation in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is this year raising \$1400 for the outfit and salary of a Missionary to India, how many Missionaries at the same salary ought one hundred and thirty Congregations in the wealthy Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, many of which are as able and no one of which is doing more for general objects than St. Matthew's, Halifax, to support in Manitoba or elsewhere? Our congregations were asked last year to give \$2200 for the support of two men, and of that sum the Treasurer is still looking anxiously for \$500, which he has had to borrow, in order to meet the Synod's obligations to its Missionaries."*

### Sketch of Presbyterianism in Truro.

The "Presbyterian Year Book" gives the following account of the early days of Presbyterianism in Truro:—

In 1760 or 61, subsequent to the expulsion of the French, the first settlers arrived in Truro. These were originally from Londonderry, Ireland, but latterly from New Hampshire, U. S.

Eight days after their arrival they selected a spot for the erection of a sanctuary. In 1763 there were about 60 families in and around Truro. In answer to an application to the Associate Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, the Rev. Mr. Kinloch was sent out—received a call—declined it—returned to Scotland, and settled in Paisley. This was the first Presbyterian call ever given in Nova Scotia. In 1767 the Rev. Daniel Cock, of Cartsdyke, on the Clyde, was appointed to visit Truro. This appointment he was unable to fulfil until 1769, in the fall of which year Mr. Cock arrived in Truro. After labouring a year he was called to the pastoral charge of the congregation in 1770, in which year (Sept. 1) the first Session was elected,—stipend £60 for two years, £70 next two, and £80 thereafter,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cash and  $\frac{1}{2}$  produce. Mr. Cock was for various reasons not settled till 1772. On the 2nd of Aug., 1786, the first Presbytery was constituted at Truro, seven additional ministers having arrived from Scotland. Sederunt, Messrs. Cock, Graham, McGregor, Smith and Gilmore, Ministers, and John Johnston and John Barnhill, Elders. In 1798 Mr. Cock obtained a colleague, and successor in the

person of the Rev. John Waddel. A. M. Mr. Waddel was born at the Kirk of Shotts, studied at Glasgow College, where he passed A. M.—received his Theological training under Dr. Lawson, of Selkirk, was licensed, and shortly after, (in 1797) ordained an Evangelist, designated to Nova Scotia, and arrived in Truro on Nov. 5th, same year, to the charge of which congregation he was called and settled Nov. 16, 1798. He was a man of a commanding presence, tall, erect and well-proportioned, bald, and with powdered head he formed the *beau ideal* of a man. In Nov., 1828, he was struck with paralysis, yet still continued to labour till by a fall from his carriage in 1836 he was entirely disabled, and in November following demitted his charge. On the 13th Nov., 1842, he passed peacefully away, and was laid in the grave by his brethren of the Presbytery. After his death two calls were moderated, but both being unsuccessful, a third was given to Mr. Wm. McCulloch—the present pastor—in 1838, and the ordination took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb., 1839. The Church stood then a mile from the village, for the accommodation of what was called the Lower Village and Old Barns, now Clifton. About 21 years ago the dilapidated condition of the church, together with the growing population and wants of Truro proper, led to the erection of a new church in the village capable of seating 600 persons. After a few years, being found insufficient, a large addition was made to it. To-day (1874) it is found so inadequate that although two new congregations with settled pastors have been erected out of the original charge, the Presbytery has sanctioned the erection of a third new congregation, which erection it is expected will take effect this year—1874. This congregation has the honor of establishing the Bible Society of Nova Scotia, under Mr. Waddel in 1810, also the Bible Class and Monthly Missionary Concert of Prayer in Nova Scotia, at least in the Presbyterian Church. At the settlement of Mr. McCulloch the Communion Roll numbered 178; it is now 490, notwithstanding the erection of two new Congregations.

The centenary of the Congregation was celebrated in 1870, in which year